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The Honorable Christine Gregoire
Governor, State of Washington
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Subject: Performance Report 2005 (June 1, 2004-May 31, 2005)
Public Access to Campaign and Lobbyist Filings (RCW 42.17.463)

Dear Governor Gregoire:

Enclosed is detailed information concerning the Public Disclosure Commission's (PDC) performance regarding public access to campaign and lobbying reports.

The statutory goal addressed for access to reported information is:

- reports submitted electronically are to be available in PDC's office and on its Web site within 2 business days; and
- reports submitted via US Mail or by hand delivery (hereafter referred to as reports submitted on paper) are to be available in PDC's office and on its Web site within 4 business days. RCW 42.17.461

Please note that, regardless of filing method, all reports are immediately available for public copying and review upon receipt in the office.

In summary, during fiscal year 2004 the PDC posted on its Web site all electronically filed campaign and lobbying reports within fifteen minutes of being filed. Reports submitted on paper were also Web accessible on the same day received by PDC.

The enclosed charts illustrate that the PDC continues to improve the timeliness of public access to reports. For example, in 2000 the average number of days for e-filed reports to reach the Internet was 4 days, and paper filings were, on average, accessible within 5 to 15 days. Electronically filed reports are now available to the public 128 times faster than they were just five years ago, with paper reports being posted to the Web at least ten times more quickly. For four years running, the public has essentially had immediate access to the very latest political finance information.

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Regarding the percentage of candidates who were filing electronically in the 2004 elections, as of January 1, 2004, candidates and political committees were required to file campaign finance reports electronically if they expected to spend \$10,000 or more on their campaign or exceeded that threshold in their last campaign for the same office, in accordance with RCW 42.17.369. As a result, 93% of legislative candidates running in 2004 filed their disclosure reports electronically, which is a 20% increase from the 2002 election. Further, of the 787 active political committees and 679 candidates running for local office in 2004, 42% respectively filed electronically. In 2003, 41% of political committees filed electronically while only 10% of local candidates filed in this manner.

The PDC is attempting to attract additional electronic filers by providing one-on-one assistance to those needing personalized attention and by offering periodic night and weekend training in Eastern and Western Washington. Altogether, we conducted 32 electronic filing training sessions during FY 05, an increase of ten classes from the previous fiscal year. PDC information technology staff is also near completion in developing a new campaign electronic filing option that will be easier to use and less expensive to maintain than the current system.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Members, House State Government Operations & Accountability Committee
Members, Senate Government Operations & Elections Committee

Attachment

Performance Report 2005

Public Access to Campaign and Lobbyist Filings

in compliance with RCW 42.17.463

June 2005

Electronic Filers vs. Paper Filers

June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2005

	Number of Filers	Percent that File Electronically	Percent that file on Paper
Statewide candidates	73	74%	26%
Legislative candidates	365	93%	7%
Local/Judicial candidates	679	42%	58%
Continuing Political Committees	787	42%	58%
Lobbyists	951	27%	73%
Lobbyist Employers	1,002	18%	82%

Performance Measures Summary—Campaign Finance

RCW 42.17.463(1) & (2)

June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2005---Average No. of Days from Receipt to Internet

Electronic Filers

Reports are available on the Internet within minutes of filing.

Paper Filers

Images of candidate and political committee reports were available the same day as received in the Public Disclosure Commission office, typically within 2 hours or less.

Performance Measures Summary—Lobbying

RCW 42.17.463(3)

June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2005---Average No. of Days from Receipt to Internet

Electronic Filers

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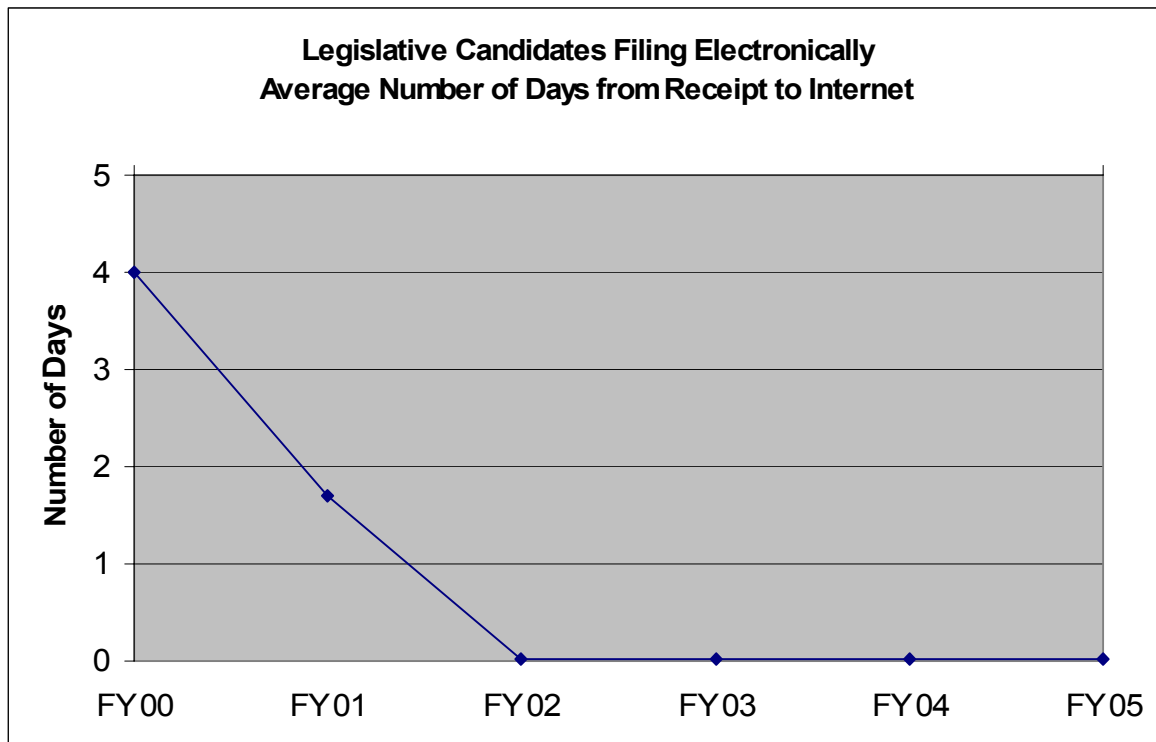
Paper Filers

Images of lobbying reports were available the same day as received in the Public Disclosure Commission office, typically within 2 hours or less.

Campaign Finance – Average Number of Days from Receipt to Internet

Electronic Filers

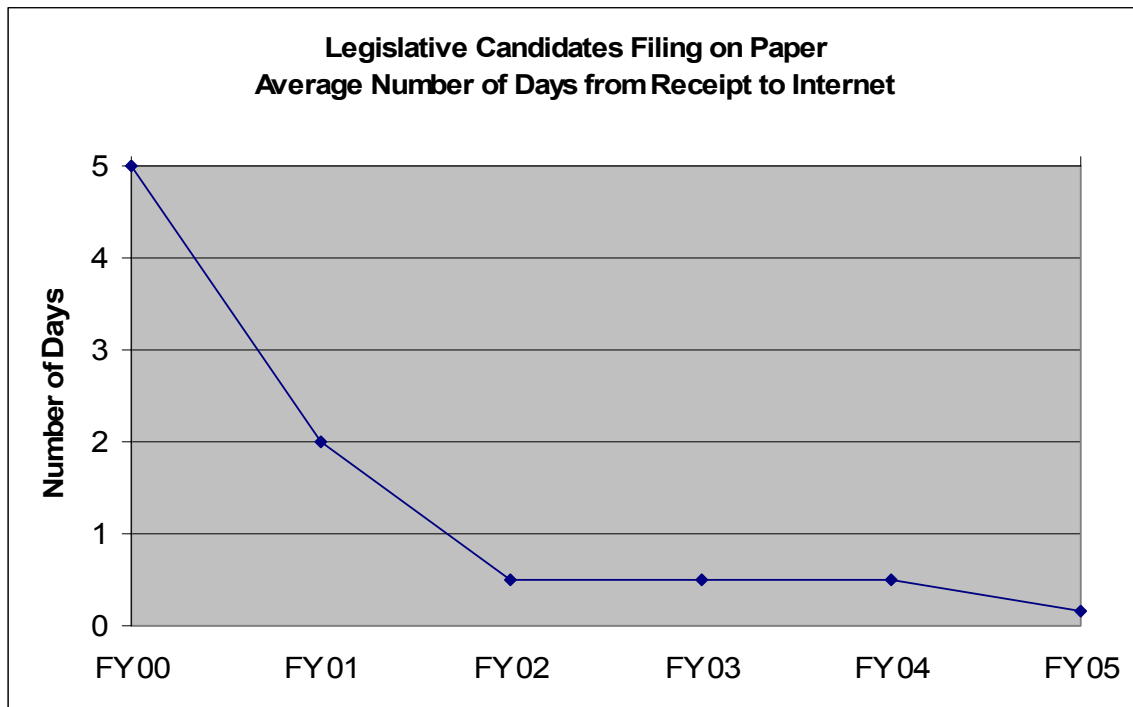
	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
State Executive Candidates	4	1.5	.03	.03	.03	.03
Legislative Candidates	4	1.7	.03	.03	.03	.03
Continuing Political Committees	4	1.5	.03	.03	.03	.03
Local/Judicial Candidates	4	1	.03	.03	.03	.03



Campaign Finance – Average Number of Days from Receipt to Internet

Paper Filers

	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
State Executive Candidates	5	2	.5	.5	.5	.20
Legislative Candidates	5	2	.5	.5	.5	.16
Local/Judicial Candidates	6	3	.5	.5	.5	.16
Continuing Political Committees	15	3.5	.5	.5	.5	.18
Statewide Initiative PACs	9	2	.5	.5	.5	.20
Independent Campaign Expenditures (C6)	7	1	.5	.5	.5	.16



Lobbying – Average Number of Days from Receipt to Internet

Electronic Filers

Electronic filing for lobbyists and lobbyist employers was not available until January 1, 2002. Reports filed electronically by lobbyists and lobbyist employers were accessible and on the Internet within hours of filing.

Paper Filers

	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
Lobbyist Registration (L1)	6	3	.5	.5	.5	.11
Lobbyist Expenditures (L2)	14	6	.5	.5	.5	.11
Employer Expenditures (L3)	6	3	.5	.5	.5	.11
Special Contributions (L3c)	8	5	.5	.5	.5	.11

